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**Nilesh
Lamichaney
to lead
State's senior
cricket team
at Vijay
Hazare
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**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 18 SEPT:**

Sikkimese cricketer, Nilesh Lamichaney, has been declared as Captain of Sikkim's Senior Cricket Team for the upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy 2018-19. This was declared today by coach, Sanjeev Sharma. Sikkim will be competing against five North Eastern States along with Bihar, Uttarakhand and Puducherry in the Plate Division in Gujarat, a press release informs.

Nilesh started his career in the 2004-05 season playing in the U-15 team where he was shaped by the then coach, Sonam Palden Bhutia. In the next season [2005-06], he was made the Captain of U-15 based on the performance where he scored his first century against Bengal and became the first player from Sikkim to score a ton at home and also took 6 wickets in the same match.

The same year, he was
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Pakyong Airport affected protest against its inauguration

**NITESH R PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 18 SEPT:**

Affected citizens of Pakyong Greenfield Airport today held a press conference in the capital slamming the opening of the airport on 23 Sept when the final hearing of the writ petition is due on 24 Sept.

Advocate of the affected citizens, OP Bhandari, stated that the matter is subjudice and that the State agencies should not have hurried to open the airport when the affected citizens were still contesting for their rights.

The affected citizens have demanded that they get full benefits under the Land Acquisition Act 2013.

Further, they have expressed dissatisfaction over the State introducing legislation with regards to the Pakyong Airport and stated that the legislation is not according to the Land Acquisition Act and added that it is just for compensation and not settlement.



They also informed of sending a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to cancel this opening until all affected get justice.

It was further informed that they had a meeting on 17 Sept with Governor Ganga Prasad wherein the Governor has assured them of taking required action.

When asked about the future course of action if the slated opening of the airport takes place, they informed that they

will write a letter to the Supreme Court of India after 23 Sept.

They have also expressed hope that PM Modi will address their concerns when he delivers his speech at Pakyong.

One affected citizen, KP Bhutia, said that justice is still awaited and they will be ready to protest and oppose the opening of the airport.

He also alleged that the airport is opening "just to show

that we don't want our land".

Stating that the inauguration of the airport will be a contempt of court, they further alleged that the Airports Authority of India wants more than 60 acres of land to stabilize the airport which proves that the airport is not yet stable.

The affected citizens further alleged that their lands are neither acquired nor requisitioned but just illegally occupied violating their fundamental rights.

Massive restoration works undertaken by BRO in North district



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 18 SEPT:**

The 758 Border Road Task Force [BRTF] under Project Swastik has undertaken massive restoration works to enable speedy connectivity between Rangrang and Toong areas of North Sikkim. Under the guidance of Chief Engineer, Project Swastik, Harender Kumar, the Task Force has swiftly mobilized heavy equipments including hydraulic excavators, JCBs and Dozer within 24 hrs of calamity, a press release informs.

As informed by 758

BRTF Commander, Colonel IM Singh, the works are presently being undertaken from three points - Rangrang, Rafang Khola and Ritchu. While the route from Rangrang to Ambithang and Ritchu to Rafang Khola was opened within 48 hrs, the route from Ambithang to Rafang Khola will also be operative within the next 24 hrs.

The last stretch from Toong where the bridge has been washed off will be tackled thereafter. This route is likely to open in the next 3-4 days, the release adds.



Disaster Risk Reduction Day observed with focus on volunteerism

GANGTOK, 18 SEPT (IPR): State Disaster Risk Reduction Day themed, 'Volunteerism in Disaster Management', organized by the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority was held today at Chintan Bhawan.

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, present as the chief guest today, applauded the initiatives of SSDMA for taking active part in various activities for mitigation of disasters.

He highlighted how the brand of Sikkim has increased throughout the country and commended the various programmes like trainings of stakeholders, capacity building, awareness and sensitization programmes etc which have helped the state towards a disaster resilient and prepared society.

Mr Chamling announced that all prominent helpers/ NGOs/ SHGs involved in disaster management will be felicitated during Republic Day.

He also announced that by 2020, Sikkim will be made a model state in

disaster management.

The Chief Minister also talked about self-development and said that in earlier times, the Sikkimese people were closer and more helpful towards one another. The bond was substantial and community participation during times of crisis were foremost. He called upon all to enhance resilience and take up sense of ownership.

The CM also stressed on taking preventive measures and doing elementary checking so that the end goal is more concrete and fruitful.

He directed the Chief Secretary to oversee that all new infrastructure is made earthquake resistant.

The Chief Minister said that global warming was the leading cause of natural calamities in the world and that the ban on pesticides and use of bio-degradable products help the environment to a great extent.

Coexistence of people and nature is the main goal and he highlighted

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Early warning system for landslides deployed at Kurseong: GSI

KOLKATA, SEP 18 (PTI): The Geological Survey of India (GSI) along with the West Bengal government has deployed a people-centric landslide early warning system (L-EWS) for the first time in the country at Kurseong in Darjeeling district, a GSI official said.

The experimental L-EWS, wherein the community plays an important role, was deployed at Giddapahar village in Kurseong on Friday, he said.

"Absolute prediction of the occurrences of landslides, both in space and time, often does not happen because inter-related key elements like risk knowledge, monitoring, analysis, warning generation, dissemination and communication of warning and preparedness for timely response do not work in sync," he said on Monday.

"The difficulties coupled with the variability in the intensity of trigger makes its forecasting difficult for the purpose of alerting community at risk. Therefore, the need of putting community based landslide warning system has been deeply felt," he said.

Elaborating about the system,

he said that it was ideal for warning landslides as their spatio-temporal forecasting is extremely difficult particularly from a remote area.

Stating that Giddapahar is one of the most landslide prone areas in Darjeeling district, he said, "the village is located over the crown of an active rock slide which reactivated several times in the two decades. The houses and grounds have developed cracks and show signs of active mass movement."

"The area has been studied using modern InSAR technology by putting five corner reflectors, rainfall threshold analysis for landslide initiation within the Kurseong area and finally the results culminated into development of a people-centric (L-EWS)," he said.

In 2016, the Landslide Studies Division of Geohazards Research and Management (GHRM) Centre, GSI, Kolkata has studied this landslide zone with an aim to develop an early warning system.

The GSI is working on different aspects of landslides, but with villages located in remote areas and examples of landslide disasters being happening at night (Limbud-

hura village landslide in Mirik, Malin landslide located slightly away from main centre, Malpa landslide located in remote high Himalayan terrain), warning people about the impending danger has always been a challenge, he said.

Shallow and fast moving rainfall-induced landslides had claimed several lives every year. Making L-EWS effective in such cases following "top-down" approach is not always feasible, therefore GSI mooted the concept of "bottom-up" approach to early warning, with the active participation of local communities, he said.

Before deployment of the system, a few rounds of community landslide awareness programme, including mock-drills, were conducted.

In fact, a rain-gauge has been installed to monitor rainfall and the people have been taught to analyse the rainfall threshold for landslide initiation and disseminate warning through WhatsApp group and using whistle to alert local people, he said.

A billboard showing all details of landslide warning has been

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POP UP Pasal

SKM prez attends Biswakarma Puja in East district

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 SEPT: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party president, PS Tamang [Golay], attended Biswakarma Puja organised by various organisations in more than two dozen venues from Ranipool to Chongey here in East Sikkim on 17 Sept. He thanked all organisations for inviting him to the puja and extended best wishes to the people of the state, an SKM press release informs. Mr tamang has also assured to work for the welfare of workers and drivers in the coming days.

Man killed for refusing to withdraw daughter's molestation case

NASHIK (MAHA), SEP 18 (PTI): A 55-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death by seven people here in Maharashtra after he refused to withdraw a molestation case lodged by his daughter against one of them, police said.

Four of the attackers, including Sayyad Sayeed who had allegedly molested the woman, have been arrested while a search is on for the other accused, Deputy Superintendent of Police Ratnakar Navale said Monday.

The woman was allegedly molested by Sayeed at Golden Nagar in Malegaon town of Nashik in 2015, he said.

She had registered a complaint against him at Pawardi police station and the case is pending in a local court. Sayeed was pressuring the woman's father, Fazal Mohammed Nawab Ali, to withdraw the case, but the latter refused, the police official said.

On Saturday night, Sayeed and some of his accomplices stopped Ali while he was returning home on his motorcycle in Malegaon and allegedly beat him up severely with wooden sticks, he said.

Ali suffered serious injuries in the attack and died on way to hospital, Navale said. Based on a complaint filed by the deceased's son, the Pawardi police arrested four accused, including Sayeed, on Monday, while a search was on for the three others, he said.

Rabong to host Chodzo Fest from 28-30 Oct

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 SEPT: Rabongla is gearing up to host Rabong Chodzo Fest 2018 in a grand manner from 28 to 30 Oct at Chodzo Lake premises in Rabongla, South Sikkim.

The three-day tourist festival will feature a series of cultural, traditional, musical, adventure and other activities and events.

An organising committee has been formed with area MLAm Power Minister DD Bhutia, as chief patron, Cooperation Department Advisor, TT Bhutia, as patron and Sub Divisional Magistrate, Rabongla, Jigmi Wangchuk Bhutia, as chairperson along with the support of stakeholders, youth and people of Rabongla.

It is informed that series of meetings are being conducted to discuss preparations for the upcoming festival.

Addressing a press conference here today, the Power Minister informed that the main objective behind the fes-



tival was to promote places of tourist interest in Rabongla sub-division at the national and international levels and also to promote local talent by providing them a wider platform.

He mentioned that Rabongla has been working since 2006 on the vision on the Chief Minister to promote Sikkim in tourism. He mentioned that Chodzo Lake has been developed as a major tourism destination.

Mr Bhutia mentioned that the festival is coinciding with the 10th edition of North

East Riders Meet 2018 which is also scheduled to be held from 26-28 Oct at Barfung in Rabongla in South Sikkim.

Open Road Wanderers Motorcycle Club of Sikkim [ORWMCS] is hosting this event for the first time in Sikkim. He mentioned that the organising committee of the festival has decided to invite the CM as chief guest on 28 Oct which marks the conclusion of NERM and opening of the tourism festival.

He added that the first evening of the festival will

have performances by artists of Rabongla sub-division which will be followed by performances by local artists of Sikkim on the second day. The final day will have popular band from Nepal, Nepathya, perform on stage.

He informed that the stage will also be shared by top five finalists in singing of the recently concluded Himali Pratibha ko Khoj.

Mr Bhutia informed that the festival will showcase traditional foods and cuisines, costumes, traditions and

culture of the State. He mentioned that the festival has also been working to preserve the cultural and traditional heritage of the State.

"Chodzo Lake has been developed well and having the capacity of 60 lakh litres of water. So we are now planning to pump water from the lake to address the water scarcity problems of nearby villages and Rabongla Bazaar during dry season in the future," he stated.

The SDM informed that the venue will also hold stalls for

traditional food and cuisines, local handicrafts and handloom and other products. He mentioned that the festival will also feature sports and adventure activities.

He stated that tourism stakeholders from Nepal, Bhutan and Thailand have been invited to showcase their culture, tradition and tourism potential during the festival.

"This event will be an exchange programme between nations to learn about tourism practices and other knowledge of the respective country," he said.

The area MLA further informed that more than a lakh tourists have been visiting Buddha Park in Rabongla every year along with other places of the area.

"The main objective of the development of tourist spots and to conduct such tourism activities in the sub-division is to promote Rabongla as all-the-year-round tourist destination," he said.

Singtam celebrates Biswakarma Puja

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 18 SEPT:

Singtam observed Biswakarma Puja in grand manner here at Singtam Bazaar on 17 Sept with a function organized by Singtam Motors Transport Workers Association.

During the celebrations, the newly constructed ticket counter was inaugurated by Tourism Minister, Ugen T Gyasto, in the presence of Agriculture Minister, Somnath Poudyal.

Further, the New Generation Contractor Cooperative Society also launched an ambulance service for the welfare of the citizens of Singtam.



Zero Waste Management training at Tareythang

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 SEPT:

A two-day training on Zero Waste Management for the making of Bouquets and Button Flowers concluded here today at the premises of Tarkeshwar Shivalaya Mandir Tareythang un-

der Pakyong sub-division, East Sikkim.

The Training was organised by the State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Rural Management and Development Department, in collaboration with Bering Sudunglakh

Zilla Panchayat and Bering Tareythang Gram Panchayat Unit, a press release informs.

Two resource persons from SIRD&PR imparted the training which was taken by 50 villagers from 39 Self Help Groups of Bering Tareythang GPU.

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Govt Drivers Association bids farewell to senior driver

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 19 SEPT:

Government Drivers Association, South Sikkim, organised a farewell programme for Bal Kumar Chhetri who retired from service after

serving the State for 30 years.

Mr Chhetri retired as senior driver of DC South under Land Revenue Department. On the occasion, the association felicitated him.



Basic and soft skill training in bamboo craft in Gyalshing

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 SEPT:

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Gyalshing, in collaboration with Durga Samaj Salley, Gyalshing, is conducting a three-month "Basic and Soft Skills in Bamboo Craft" training from 17 Sept to 16 Dec.

The programme was inaugurated by NYK District Youth Coordinator, Atish Ganguly, at Gyalshing on 17 Sept. The NYK District Youth Coordinator urged all 30 participants to take the opportunity of the training and become self-reliant, a press release informs.



Disaster Risk Reduction Day observed with focus on volunteerism

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about the various environmental policies which the state government has implemented in the state.

He announced introduction of Disaster Management as a subject at the Primary School level from next academic session. He also stressed on importance of education in disaster management and said that awareness programmes should start from GPU level itself.

At the end he urged all the stakeholders, students and people in general to make best use of information, awareness programmes which will

help build resilience towards impact of disasters emerging from natural calamities.

Chief Secretary AK Shrivastava talked about the state's journey from past to the present as a disaster resilient state.

He suggested that since we live in an earthquake-prone area, we must equip ourselves to face any challenge and difficulty when it comes to natural calamities.

He said that sustainable development initiatives are a must and preparedness, risk reduction, post rehabilitation and preparedness efforts are as crucial during times of distress.

Vice Chairperson (SSDMA), VK Sharma, in his address, said that Sikkim is always been associated with development. He stated about the importance of studies related to disaster management and talked about how the state was acknowledged in Kyoto University for its progressiveness in disaster management.

The welcome address was presented by State Relief Commissioner, Secretary-LR&DMD who highlighted the significance of Disaster Risk Reduction Day. He said that volunteers play a crucial role in disaster management and without their help SSDMA would be

crippled.

Thus, to felicitate such noble gestures, Certificates of Appreciation were conferred on five organizations and various individuals who were involved in the GLOF mitigation measures at South Lonak Lake. Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to NGOs who helped in various mock drills etc.

Special Secretary, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, R Chewang, also spoke on volunteer organizations of Sikkim involved in Disaster Management.

Earlier experiences of various facets were shared by

Palzor Lachungpa (Co-ordinator, Sikkim Helping Hands); Sabina Darnal (Pandam, Volunteer; Aapda Mitra; Meera Rai (Panchayat Member, Poklok-Denchung GPU, South Sikkim); MK Gurung (President, Youth Development Society, Dalapchand GPU).

A video on the history of disasters and response mechanisms in the State was also screened during the function. Release of the SSDMA Newsletter was also done by the CM during the function and earlier the theme song of the programme was performed by students of West Point Senior Secondary School.

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SC takes note of 3,597 deaths due to pothole- related accidents in 2017

NEW DELHI, SEP 18 (PTI): Taking note of almost 3,600 deaths reported last year alone due to potholes on roads across the country, the Supreme Court Tuesday said it was "unfortunate" that some states were disputing the data published by the Centre on such accidental deaths.

A bench of Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta expressed "surprise" that the states were disputing the data provided by them to the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) on the ground that the figures were not verified by the transport departments of the respective states.

"We are surprised that state governments have disputed the data sent by them to the MoRTH," the bench said, adding "the views of the states are unfortunate".

The court noted in the order that it had earlier observed that the number of deaths in road accidents was more than the fatalities caused by terrorist attacks in India and the situation was "frightening".

Nilesh Lamichaney to lead...
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promoted to U-17 tour under the leadership of Lee Yong Lepcha and there he scored his 2nd century batting at No 8 against Kerala. During 2012-13 season when Sikkim got the status as an associate member of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), he was once again picked to lead the U-19 team where he scored two back-to-back centuries against Nagaland and Mizoram and was also awarded best Batsman of the tour.

"I have been leading the Sikkim team since 2004-05, but this is first-class cricket and I am very thankful to our coach, support staff along with the association for giving me the honor and opportunity to lead the side. I have full confidence in the team and we'll play with our hearts and spirit. Looking forward to having a good tour," says Nilesh.

President of SCA, Lobzang G Tenzing, has extended best wishes for the tournament while expressing confidence that Nilesh will take the role of captaincy with pride and responsibility.

"He should take the whole team forward with the true spirit of sportsmanship and shouldn't hesitate in taking bold decisions on behalf of the team and for the best results," said Mr Tenzing.

Gangtok MLA inaugurates Pop Up Pasa's pre-event

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 18 SEPT:

The pre-event of the first pop-up shopping, fun, food and kids festival of the State, "Pop Up Pasa," was held here on 17 Sept with Gangtok MLA, Pintso Chopel, inaugurating Pop Up Pasa's floating balloon here at Titanic Park.

In his address, Mr Chopel encouraged youth to take keener interest in entrepreneurship. He expressed happiness over Pop Up Pasa's initiative towards generating employment opportunities for locals and giving them a chance to network with various vendors from across the nation.

It may be mentioned here, Pop Up Pasa is an initiative of a team of women with a strong belief in "Empowered Empowers". The event is supported by Government of Sikkim and other enthusiasts of the city. The fest is scheduled to be held from 30 Sept to 02 Oct at Ridge Park in Gangtok.

Speaking to Summit-Times, event consultant, Dichen Paden Saring, said, "This is an opportunity for the locals to interact with various brands and labels from all over India to benefit for their future



endeavours. It is also designed to give the young entrepreneurs of the State a platform to put up their work in an open market. We look forward to gift happiness to the city with

35 pop up stalls, 20 food stalls, a dedicated toddlers and kids zone, live stage performances and activities along with pet friendly environment with a health camp and groom-

ing centre. We are working towards developing a committee of empowered women to provide ideas, required guidance and funds for the talented youth of the State".

IPR Dept bids farewell to retired and transferred employees

GANGTOK, 18 SEPT (IPR): Printing & Stationery department bid farewell to five retired employees and one transferred employee in a special programme organised in the department today.

Minister for Printing & Stationery, Arjun Kumar Ghatani attended the programme as the chief guest.

Addressing the officials and staff of the department, Mr. Ghatani acknowledged remarkable service and life-long contributions made by the retired employees towards the department and extended his best wishes and warm greetings for their future.

He expressed happiness on installation of upgraded technical equipments including 250 KVA Diesel Generator, 200 KVA Transformer, HMT Bi-colour sheetfed offset printing machine, Wellbound Digital Controlled Hot Melt Perfect Binding Machine, Colour Machine, High End Computer - 6th Generator, B/W A3 Laser Printer etched, which was mentioned as the top level equipments in

the government press of North-Eastern states of India, during their deliberations.

Speaking in the context of cadre of the department, Mr Ghatani assured to extend all possible support to address the genuine issues of the departmental staff.

He also highlighted various facilities and exemplary services provided by the state government under the great leadership of Chief Minister of Sikkim, Pawan Chamling. The Minister also advised to compile historic significance of the department which has completed its one hundred and five years of existence.

The Secretary, KP Sharma Informed about the developmental works carried out in the department in recent years. He said that the Press has been upgraded and modernised in terms of technology in recent years. He also underlined requirement of skilled manpower and ongoing planning to provide special training programme for existing employees.

Further, he shed light on acute need of necessary infrastructures for printing purpose.

Director, GC Lepcha highlighted the role of the technical staff and applauded their notable contributions to the Department. He recalled complexity of technical equipments and their acquaintance with time based transforming system to deliver better

results.

Amongst five retired staff, Phurba Sherpa, Dawa Lepcha, Hari Chettri shared their experiences. They were offered souvenir and token of appreciation by the department.

On the occasion Press Man, Tamchey Lepcha was also felicitated for his 27 years of unblemished, dedicated, hardworking and sincere service.



SIKKIM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL HOUSE GANGTOK

NOTICE TO MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As per clause no. 5 of article : 15 of the constitution, the Annual General Meeting of the Sikkim Football Association has been convened to meet at **1 PM on 7th Oct 2018 (Sunday) at Football House, Gangtok.** Hence, all the members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend.

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Refresher course in journalism at Soochna Bhawan

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GANGTOK, 18 SEPT:

Minister for Information & Public Relations Department, AK Ghatani, inaugurated a three-day long refresher training on journalism in the presence of Secretary, IPR Department, S Shenga, and Director, Tashi Chopel, here at the conference hall of Soochna Bhawan in Gangtok on 17 Sept.

The workshop is being organized by the IPR Department for officers of the department and journalists from print, electronic and digital media.

Director, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Odisha, Professor Mrinal Chatterjee, and President, Press Club of Kolkata, Snehasis Sur, are the two resource persons for the training.

The IPR Minister extended gratitude to the resource persons for providing their valuable time for the benefit of media fraternity of the State and the depart-

mental staff and sharing their expertise.

He added that the training programme will help the participants refresh their knowledge on various aspects of media which have undergone noteworthy changes in the recent past and urged the participants to take utmost benefit of the opportunity.

In the first session of the workshop, Mr Sur highlighted topics like finding news points and techniques of writing an informative press release.

The next session had Mr Chatterjee addressing writing skill enhancement while giving out various assignments to the participants.

On the second day of the workshop today, Mr Chatterjee highlighted development stories and interpreting data in journalism.

Likewise, Mr Sur spoke about video journalism, video news releases and photography.

SRM representatives call on Governor

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 SEPT:

Registrar, SRM University, Sikkim, Professor Sathish Kumar, along with Associate Deans and representatives of the university called on Governor Ganga Prasad recently and apprised him about the organisational structure, number of courses of-

fered, infrastructure and commencement of new courses at SRM University, a press release informs.

Prof Kumar also updated the Governor on the recruitment of experienced faculty members with international exposure and enrolment of students from different parts of the country and

outside.

He has also invited the Governor to visit the campus.

The Governor expressed happiness on meeting representatives of the university and hearing about the progress, a press release informs. He also agreed to visit the university at the earliest, the release adds.



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Any Wiser?

Disasters require preparedness, not just repairs

The State has completed seven years since the 18 September 2011 Earthquake, and it has become necessary for Sikkim and its people to make some honest appraisals of their preparedness. It is unfortunate that this still needs to be said. It should not be so, because, given that the Sikkimese have lived with earthquakes and landslides ever since they have inhabited the land, they, along with other communities living along the Himalaya, should instead have become sought-after resource persons to prepare others on how to mitigate natural disasters. That is obviously not the case, hence, the trigger of a 6.8 on the Richter Scale earthquake of 18 Sept 2011, the severest that the Sikkim Himalaya has pushed in recorded history, was required to fire awareness and involvement. But now, seven years since the event and several crores spent on reconstruction even that does not seem to be working. It has now been a while since the State was visited by a tremor of consequence, and that seems to have lulled people back into a false sense of security. And while it is not being suggested that Sikkim remain in a perpetual state of panic or even alert, it needs to also remember not to forget.

But, if memory serves, it had begun forgetting within a year of 2011 itself. On the first anniversary of Sikkim's Big One, a minor rattle had nudged Sikkim and managed to spread easy panic. Agreed, the 18 September 2011 experience was harrowing and nerves were expected to be on edge on its first anniversary, hence the panic which followed the anniversary shake. This is also borne out by the fact that although there have been some quakes since then, not all have triggered any real panic. But, in how most of the State still reacts, one finds areas which unfortunately still need work. Earthquake do's and don'ts are known to be forgotten (in the event of a marginally severe jolt) even before the earthquake shudders have subsided, and people end up doing everything that experts advise against in the event of a quake. A majority of the people rush out, a potentially dangerous undertaking in areas which have suffered a power blackout and downright reckless in the rush with which people tend to troop out. When it comes to Gangtok, except those around MG Marg or PS Road, others do not have convenient open spaces to accommodate the footfalls safely and people tend to spillover from footpaths on to the highway, which, in the wake of a rattle invariably have an abundance of reckless and inconsiderate drivers; their screeching brakes and persistent honking adding to the confusion.

In the face of such infectious confusion, the concerned authorities should try harder to inform and reassure people not only in advance, but also in the wake. Sikkim is not serviced by 24x7 news channels, but still needs to be updated in real-time in times of emergency and alternate communication models need to be tried out and refined. Mobile phones are not an advisable option because connectivity issues get aggravated during emergencies and hence some other alternatives need to be considered. The police walkie-talkies are an option and if police outposts were also trained to service as hubs for information in the event of a natural disaster, at least panic caused by misinformation can be contained and people reminded about what they should do and what they should avoid.

What Sikkim is essentially looking at is a population still at risk of causing itself harm [through panic responses] in the event of a natural disaster and an administration still slow on the uptake. It is also obvious that the State still awaits a customised and practical disaster preparedness plan. One must bear in mind that rebuilding and rehabilitation is a process which will progress and slow down depending on the status of funds and motivation of concerned officials. It will however eventually be completed, its quality decided by how involved the stakeholders are in the process. What will really decide how Sikkim pulls through the next major natural disaster will not be in just how well it repairs, but the preparedness levels of its people in general and its officials and social organisations in particular.

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How understanding animal behaviour can liberate us from gender inequality

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Gender inequality is very real in 2018.

Australian parliament is a toxic place for women. Women in the media and science are targeted and harassed because of their gender. Male domination of women occurs at an interpersonal level, and in our everyday interactions.

But how we behave with each other isn't just about individual personalities and the current social and political climate. We as Homo sapiens come with a long evolutionary history – and understanding the animal roots of our behaviour can help us create positive change to achieve gender equality.

HOW WE BEHAVE AS MEN AND WOMEN
Research in psychology demonstrates gender differences on a broad range of personality traits, suggesting that women are less dominating than men.

On average, women score higher than men on the personality trait agreeableness, and lower on measures of social dominance orientation and self-esteem. Men are also higher on the “dark traits” of narcissism, psychopathy, and Machiavellianism.

Research that directly observes behaviour also shows clear gender differences in the expression of dominance. Women tend to interrupt less, smile more, and spend less time making eye contact when speaking and more time while listening compared to men.

Much of this behaviour occurs automatically and instinctively, without us even being aware of it. We might catch ourselves lowering our eyes when someone stares at us, dropping our shoulders and contracting our bodies to make ourselves smaller, or stepping out of someone else's way as they approach.

These submissive behaviours are also observed among one of our closest living relatives, the chimpanzees.

And anyone with a pet dog would already be well familiar with dominance and submission behaviour in that species.

THE PECKING ORDER
Dominance hierarchies are found throughout the animal world, in humans and chimpanzees, and even in cockroaches.

With exception to the recent fame of the lobster as the poster child of social climbers, the most commonly known example of dominance hierarchies is probably the pecking order of domestic



On average, women tend to behave more submissively than men.

hens. In these social groups, the birds will peck at each other until one runs away, which thereafter assumes a subordinate position to the hen that stands its ground.

Typically, aggressive encounters among animals are ritualised: a sufficient display of strength is often enough to cause a competitor to yield. This submissive response means that the aggression de-escalates before causing serious injury or death to either party. A dominance hierarchy is established when an animal repeatedly receives a yielding response from another in competitive encounters.

The ultimate driver of this competitive behaviour is greater access to food, space, allies, and mates that comes with being at the top of the hierarchy. These benefits mean that it is adaptive to get to the top. So evolution has selected for psychological and behavioural mechanisms that drive animals to ascend the hierarchy.

But some animals are unlikely to ever win in aggressive encounters – due to a lack of size, strength, or skill. For them, it is more adaptive to yield submissively to their opponent rather than to risk injury or death.

In evolutionary terms, it's better to be at the bottom of the hierarchy than to be dead. Evolution has therefore also selected for submissive behaviours that are elicited when animals are faced with a more formidable opponent.

THE ORIGINS OF PATRIARCHY
In humans and many other mammals, there is a particularly strong evolutionary incentive for males to acquire high status, since this can greatly increase their reproductive output.

High-ranking males can fend off other males from accessing females, and they also tend to be more attractive to females due to their high status. Therefore, these males can potentially produce vast numbers of offspring, as some notable tyrants like Genghis Khan have done. Many of us may even

have such a male as an ancestor.

While females also benefit from high status, the payoff and the capacity for competing fiercely and recklessly for it is not as great as it is for males due to the demands of pregnancy and lactation.

These contrasting selection effects mean that males end up larger, stronger, and more aggressive than females in many species of mammal. This sex difference ultimately means that males are often able to physically and sexually dominate the females.

Therefore, females might often find themselves instinctively compelled to respond submissively to men as a strategy to protect themselves from aggression. This hierarchy is rooted in our evolutionary past, and deeply ingrained in our psychology.

The fight against patriarchy is a battle against our own minds.

LIBERATION

Our evolved instincts might be one of the reasons why women feel so much internal resistance to challenging men, as well as why this is met with such backlash. The feminist movement itself collides with this “natural order” because it is a collective uprising against this male domination.

Feminists violate expectations when they refuse to be unthreatening, unchallenging, uncritical, polite, pleasant and apologetic. The unpalatability of insubordinate women might also explain the popularity of brands of feminism that refrain from making any criticism of men's behaviour.

A minimal amount of critical thinking might compel many of us to want to resist the pressure and the compulsion to submit to male domination. The way out of this trap begins with becoming aware of our involuntary submission.

A greater awareness of these unconscious processes is likely to reveal a more immediate source of our submissive responses: the natural, instinctive, and adaptive fear that arises in the heat of the moment when faced with a very real and unpredictable threat of aggression.

Unfortunately, this fear can sometimes drive us to stay silent at times when the risks to our personal safety and economic security are low.

So what could we cultivate to help us overcome the fear that compels us to back down and stay silent when we should be speaking up?

Courage.

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Politics and Paper Towels: Disputing disaster death tolls

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Hurricane Florence's battering of the southern United States has brought natural disasters and their devastating impacts back into the daily news cycle.

The Atlantic hurricane season is in full swing and while earlier assessments predicted a normal year compared to 2017's monstrous season, 2018 is now poised to potentially set records for the number of named storms occurring simultaneously.

Layered on top of updates on Florence's strength and path in recent days, as well as warnings to citizens about how to protect themselves, was an ongoing tirade from U.S. President Donald Trump disputing the death toll of last year's Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

Trump's gale of tweets was unleashed when a new study from the Milken Institute School of Public Health of George Washington University estimated a revised death toll of almost 3,000 due to the hurricane.

Trump's self-serving objections aside, this is not the first time Hurricane Maria's death toll had been revised. The numbers have been adjusted several times, with estimates varying from a Harvard study that pegged it between 800 to 8,500 dead to the government of Puerto Rico's confirmation in early August that 1,427 people died as a result of Maria's fury.

But more importantly, Trump's display of self-serving, defensive narcissism as he dis-

puted Maria's death toll has demonstrated in real time what many observers and students of disasters and the politics that surround them have long known: Disaster death tolls are notoriously difficult to determine accurately.

That's despite our best efforts, and amid obvious attempts to use these estimates for political purposes.

WHAT'S IN A NUMBER?
As scholars and practitioners in the governance area of disasters have made clear, there are limitations to the accuracy of estimates for a variety of reasons.

These include the unique conditions of each disaster as it unfolds, its immediate aftermath and disputes about who gets counted and who doesn't.

As we have seen with the evolution of Hurricane Maria's death toll, the numbers are subject to change and revision. In the case of Maria, the number has gone from the 16 deaths Trump cited when he visited the island and tossed half as many paper towel rolls into a crowd to the estimates of 3,000 we see the president angrily disputing today.

Because air-tight accuracy can be difficult when estimating disaster death tolls, it's unsurprising these numbers are not only contentious but

are also leveraged politically. Death tolls, along with other estimates of a storm's strength, size and impact, (such as the Saffir-Simpson Scale that rates hurricanes by category), as well as damages estimated in total economic loss or insured losses, can all be used for political purposes.

PLAYING POLITICS WITH PERCEPTION

As I have written previously, disasters are immensely powerful and costly events that spawn a variety of responses and strategies.

While novel financing mechanisms and insurance strategies are certainly one way to address them, another is to manage the public's perceptions regarding a particular natural disaster.

Political strategies aimed at shifting public perceptions are obviously nothing new, but they're becoming even more important given the effects of climate change and increasingly intense weather systems. Trump's howls of outrage over Hurricane Maria's estimated death toll are likely aimed at changing public perceptions about the scope of the disaster, but it's important to understand that he's hardly an innovator in this area.

Indeed, studies have shown that even the declaration of states of emergency within the United States are subject to political considerations. Researchers have demonstrated that FEMA disaster payments in different states are dependent on political considerations due to upcoming elections and races important to the president and his party.

Other governments have leveraged disaster death tolls and other statistics for political purposes. In his 2015 book *The Disaster Profiteers: How Natural Disasters Make the Rich Richer and the Poor Even Poorer*, John Mutter highlighted two cases in which governments have utilized death tolls for political purposes: Haiti in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, and Taiwan following Typhoon Morakot that struck the country in 2009.

What is most interesting about these two examples is that the death tolls were used for contrasting purposes.

In the Haitian case, Mutter points to evidence that the government inflated the death toll due to the earthquake in order to solicit more donations and humanitarian aid.

Mutter says the government of Taiwan, on the other hand, chose to downplay the number of dead in the aftermath of the typhoon. This was due to a desire to be viewed as in control as well as more developed, as higher death toll numbers would negatively impact public perceptions of Taiwan.

What Florence and the inevitable storms to follow should underscore is that it's important to remain critical of the narratives that are presented in the aftermath of these events. Politicians have many reasons to both underestimate and overestimate death tolls in the aftermath of natural disasters.

While we should continuously strive for the most accurate assessments of the impacts of these events, politics will continue to play an important role in which figures receive primacy and why.

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WB govt to formulate new fire safety policy: Minister

KOLKATA, SEP 18 (PTI): The West Bengal government is planning to formulate a new policy on fire safety for commercial buildings in the city in the wake of the massive fire that gutted Bagree Market here.

Commercial buildings would not be granted trade licenses if they fail to follow fire safety rules, a senior minister, who did not wish to be identified, said.

"We are planning to come up with a policy soon. We are formulating it and the final decision will be taken once the chief minister returns from her foreign tour," he told PTI Monday.

"There are several commercial buildings in the city and we must have better fire safety measures for them," he said.

Trade licenses would not be granted if such buildings fail to follow the fire safety norms specified by the government, the minister said.

Many commercial buildings are quite old and there are no proper fire safety measures there. They are functioning with the same infrastructure for all these years, without paying heed to the advice of the fire department and the city municipal corporation, he said.

They take money from the business enterprises who have shops in those buildings, the minister said.

As per the proposed policy, all commercial buildings should have separate water reservoirs for emergency purposes only, he said.

The massive fire at Bagree Market on Sunday gutted at least 1,000 business establishments inside the G+5 building.

No relief from Centre, states for Nagaland disaster

KOHIMA, SEP 18 (PTI): Nagaland has been hit by an unprecedented disaster last month and it is yet to receive any relief fund from the Centre or other state governments, the Assembly was informed Tuesday.

Relief received from individuals and NGOs under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund till date is Rs 4.69 crore, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said.

"The amount is being utilised for relief, rehabilitation, ex-gratia for the affected families and to meet the critical gaps not covered under National Disaster Response Force sanctions," he said in a written reply to a query from opposition MLA Muthingyuba Sangtam.

Flashfloods and landslides in Nagaland have affected at least 13.19 per cent of the state's population while 5408.57 acres of agricultural land have also been impacted.

After the visit of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju on August 6, the state government had submitted a memo seeking a fund of Rs 800 crore.

India provides relief supplies to Bangladesh for Rohingyas

DHAKA, SEP 18 (PTI): India has handed over its third consignment of relief supplies to Bangladesh, including over 1 million litres of kerosene oil and 20,000 stoves, for the hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslim refugees in the country, who fled an army crackdown in neighbouring Myanmar.

Bangladesh, which faced a big influx of Rohingyas from Myanmar, has called on the international community to intervene and put pressure on Myanmar to address the issue.

Over 700,000 Rohingya Muslims fled Myanmar's violence-hit Rakhine state to neighbouring Bangladesh since August last year when the military intensified crackdown against alleged militant outfits of Rohingya Muslims.

India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla



on Monday handed over 1.1 million litres of super kerosene oil and 20,000 kerosene multi wick stoves to Minister of Disaster Management and Relief Mofazzel Hussain Chowdhury at Cox's Bazar.

The kerosene oil and stoves will address the energy needs of the displaced persons and contribute to environmental conservation in Bangladesh by reducing demand for locally sourced firewood.

This is as per the requirement of assistance expressed by Bangladesh, the High Commission of India said in a statement.

The relief supplies were then distributed to displaced persons at Kuttupalong camp in Cox's Bazar.

Vikram Doraiswami, Joint Secretary (Bangladesh, Myanmar) of the Ministry of External Affairs was also present on the occasion.

This is the third

tea, ready-to-eat noodles, biscuits, mosquito nets among others to meet the immediate requirements of the approximately 3,00,000 displaced persons at that time.

In May, 373 metric tonnes of relief material containing 104 metric tonnes of milk powder; 102 metric tonnes dried fish; 61 metric tonnes baby food; 50,000 raincoats; and 50,000 pairs of gum boots for the rainy season were handed over in Chattogram.

India has always responded readily and swiftly to any crisis in Bangladesh in keeping with the close ties of friendship between the two countries, the statement said.

India remains committed to continue assisting the government and people of Bangladesh in meeting the humanitarian needs of displaced persons from Myanmar, it added.



Mr Sikkim contestants call on Speaker and Deputy Speaker

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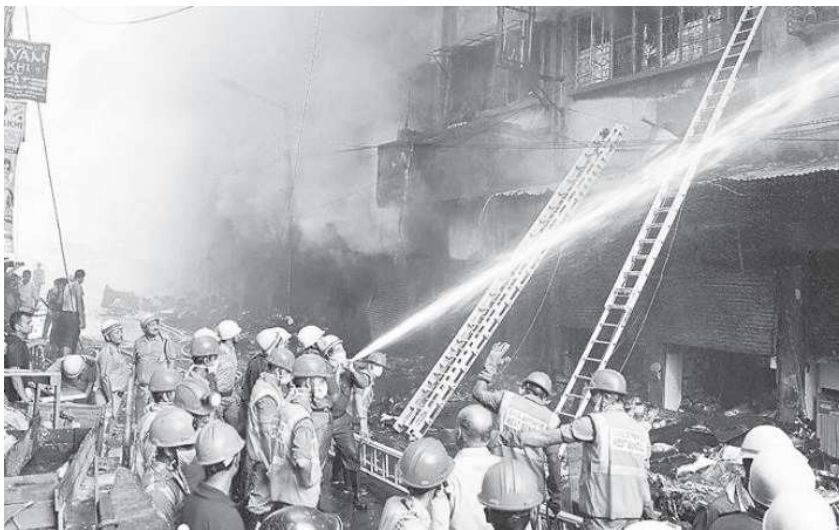
The 22 contestants of Temi Tea Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt called on Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly, KN Rai, and Deputy Speaker, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, at Sikkim Legislative Assembly here today.

The contestants interacted with the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and got their various queries answered.

The organizing team's intention behind

the interaction was to provide contestants exposure to aspects of being responsible, committed and dedicated in fulfilling ones individual and collective dreams and passion.

The interaction session was also organized with a view to holistically open the minds of the young contestants to various issues of the State and help make them good citizens of the country.



Bagree Market fire brought under control after two days

KOLKATA, SEP 18 (PTI): The massive fire at Bagree Market in Burabazar area in the business hub of the city has been brought under control after two days, a senior officer of the fire department said Tuesday.

At the moment the process of "cooling down" was on at the Bagree Market and 15 fire tenders have been pressed into service for it, Director General (DG) of West Bengal Fire & Emergency Services Jag Mohan said.

"The fire has been brought under control. Our officers kept on fighting the blaze and they fought

throughout the night. We are continuing our fight as the cooling process is on," Jag Mohan said.

There was immense heat inside the building and it made things very difficult for fire fighters to continue, he said.

No one was injured in the fire, he added.

Another fire department officer said cracks were found on the walls of the building and precautionary measures have been taken to avoid any untoward incident.

"Shopkeepers and a few residents of adjacent buildings have been evacuated. A few cracks were

seen on the walls of the Bagree Market building. We are not taking any chances," the officer said.

The massive fire broke out at Bagree Market around 2.30 am on Sunday, gutting at least 1,000 business establishments inside the G+5 building and causing huge losses to traders ahead of Durga Puja.

The state government has directed the police and the fire department to find out the cause of the fire and initiate strict legal action against those found guilty in this mishap.

Police have been directed to summon owners of the building.

Early warning system...

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erected in two places one at Giddapahar and another at Paglajhora to spread awareness among the people.

"An effective utilisation of the system will ensure reduction in the

loss of life due to landslide. The community can take decision about the impending danger after analysing the ground situation at site and thus can manage the warning more efficiently at any time of the day," he said.

MEMORIAL SERVICE



The Memorial Service (Antyesthi Kriya) of **Late Smt. Tika Maya Chettri**, resident of Samlik Marchak, Rumtek, who left for her heavenly abode on 07 September 2018, falls on **19 September 2018**. All

friends, relatives and well-wishers are invited to us in offering prayers for the departed soul

Kharka Singh Chettri (Eldest son, 9434408780), L.B Chettri, Mayesh Chettri, Mrs. Balika Joshi (Daughter), Mrs. Neelam Tamang (Daughter in Law), Rakesh Basnet (Grandson)

THANKS GIVING PRAYER



***Thanks Giving Prayer* of Late Norchuza Tar-gain will be held on 19.09.2018. (Wednesday) All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers at the residence at Upper Sichey, Gangtok. Mrs. Sancha Targain (Mother), Mrs. Ujala Targain (Wife) & Family Members (8016748087)**

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Date: 14/09/2018.

NOTICE

On the basis of their performance in the Written Examination for filling up of 17 (seventeen) posts of Revenue Surveyor under The Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Government of Sikkim, through direct recruitment as per advertisement no. 07/SPSC/EXAM/2018 dt: 14/05/2018 and addendum notice no: 33/SPSC/EXAM/18 dt: 26/06/2018, the candidates bearing the following Roll Nos. have been short listed for Scrutiny of their documents and Viva-Voce/ Interview on the dates mentioned below:

Roll Nos. in ascending order						Dates
69	313	602	878	1375		Scrutiny date: 19/09/2018 in the office of the SPSC during office hours.
119	358	641	1026	1376		
120	385	725	1143	1484		
175	442	807	1210	1519		Viva-Voce/ Interview date: 25-09-2018 at 9:00 am in the office of Sikkim Public Service Commission.
195	543	835	1356	1554		
Roll Nos. in ascending order						Dates.
1585	2015	2451	3197	3663		Scrutiny date: 20/09/2018 in the office of the SPSC during office hours.
1654	2016	2702	3238	3689		
1753	2134	2748	3243	3713		
1811	2152	2918	3408			Viva-Voce/ Interview date: 26-09-2018 at 9:00 am in the office of Sikkim Public Service Commission.
1933	2162	2979	3445			
2002	2345	3030	3481			

Candidates whose roll numbers are mentioned above should bring along their **ADMIT CARDS** and are advised to download "**FORM A**" from our official website www.spsscikkim.gov.in and submit the filled up form with all the required documents (attested) on the date of scrutiny. The candidates are hereby advised to report to the office of the Sikkim Public Service Commission, Old Tourism Complex, M.G. Marg, Gangtok during office hours along with original & attested photocopies of all the required documents mentioned below for purpose of scrutiny & verification:

All required documents are to the Attested by the Competent Authorities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Identification, Valid Category Certification. 	District Collector/ Addl. District Collector/ SDM/ Revenue Officer/BDO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewed Unmarried Certification (for female candidates) OR in case of married female candidates (husband C.O.I) 	Concerned authorized officers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local valid employment card • NOC in case of government servant 	Concerned authorized officers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class XII passed mark sheet & certificate • Class X passed mark sheet & certificate. • Graduation passed mark sheet & certificate. 	Self Attestation in terms of Notification No: 52/Home/2018 dt: 06/08/2018.

Admission to all the stages of examination for which candidates are admitted by the Commission viz, Written Examination and Viva-Voce / interview will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility criteria. If on verification at any stage before or after the main (written) examination and viva-voce, if it is found that they do not fulfil any of the prescribed eligibility criteria, their candidature will be rejected without any further notice.

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**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT
RABONG SUB DIVISION
SOUTH SIKKIM**

NIT No. 01/GOS/SD/R&B/Rab

Dated: 17/09/18

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer (Rabong), Roads & Bridges Department invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of class IV Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No. 515/R&B/Secy, dated 12.06.2018 & 556/R&B/Secy. Dated 28/08/2018, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat/ Urban Local Bodies where the work is to be executed. The works are listed as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of work put to tender (in Rs)	Earnest Money @ 2.5% (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender documents (in Rs.)	Completion time
1.	Construction of road from Thangsay PMGSY road to Maltini under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
2	Extension of Deythang PWD road to Jogi Gaon under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months.
3.	Construction of road from Lower Zaroong PWD road to Chunan Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
4.	Construction of road from Lower Zaroong PWD road to Chunan Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
5.	Construction of road from Dalep SPWD road to Ranek Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
6.	Construction of road from Dalep SPWD road to Ranek Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
7.	Construction of road from Dalep SPWD road to Ranek Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd to Km 2.80). 800 mtr length)	33,90,797.00	84,770.00	1,500.00	12 months
8.	Construction of road from Khyangu to Charay Village under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
9.	Construction of road from Khyangu to Charay Village under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
10.	Construction of road from Khyangu to Charay Village under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd to Km 2.50). 500 mtr length	21,19,248.00	52,981.00	1,500.00	12 months
11.	Construction of road from Tingmoo SPWD road to Biring School under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
12.	Construction of road from Tingmoo SPWD road to Biring School under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
13.	Construction of road from Rayong Tinkitam PWD road to Ringba Gumpa under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
14.	Construction of road from Rayong Tinkitam PWD road to Ringba Gumpa under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd) 700 mtr length.	29,66,947.00	74,174.00	1,500.00	12 months
15.	Construction of road from Tinkitam PWD road to Tarmin P.S. under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
16.	Construction of road from Tinkitam PWD road to Tarmin P.S. under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
17.	Construction of road from Lingding PMGSY road to Lingding P.S. under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
18.	Construction of road from Lingding PMGSY road to Lingding P.S. under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
19.	Construction of road from Upper Namlung PMGSY road to L/ Namlung Samdong Kalsing Ralong under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
20.	Construction of road from Upper Namlung PMGSY road to L/ Namlung Samdong Kalsing Ralong under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
21.	Construction of road from Upper Namlung PMGSY road to L/ Namlung Samdong Kalsing Ralong under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 3 rd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
22.	Construction of road from Upper Namlung PMGSY road to L/ Namlung Samdong Kalsing Ralong under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 4 th)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
23.	Construction of road from Upper Namlung PMGSY road to L/ Namlung Samdong Kalsing Ralong under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 5 th)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
24.	Construction of road from Ralong Phamtam road to Chitray Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
25.	Construction of road from Ralong Phamtam road to Chitray Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
26.	Construction of road from Ralong Phamtam road to Chitray Busty under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 3 rd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
27.	Construction of road from Ralong Phamtam road to Mankhim under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. 700 mtr length	29,66,947.00	74,174.00	1,500.00	12 months
28.	Construction of road from Upper Borong PWD road to Upper Polok Dara (Kharka Gaon) under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
29.	Construction of road from Upper Borong PWD road to Upper Polok Dara (Kharka Gaon) under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
30.	Construction of road from Upper Borong PWD road to Upper Polok Dara (Kharka Gaon) under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 3 rd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
31.	Extension of Lower Polok to Polok Hot Spring under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
32.	Extension of Lower Polok to Polok Hot Spring under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
33.	Construction of road from Lower Polok PMGSY via Paksam Polok under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
34.	Construction of road from Lower Polok PMGSY via Paksam Polok under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
35.	Construction of road from Ganchung PMGSY road to Lower Ganchung under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. 1500 mtr length	63,57,744.00	1,58,944.00	5,000.00	12 months
36.	Construction of road from Rabong Yangang SPWD road to Rabong PHC under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. 1500 mtr length.	63,57,744.00	1,58,944.00	5,000.00	12 months
37.	Construction of road from Sangmoo PWD road to Sangmoo Gumpa under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
38.	Construction of road from Rabong Singtam SPWD road to Rabong Namchi SPWD road via Rankey busty, Panth Gaon, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
39.	Construction of road from Rabong Singtam SPWD road to Rabong Namchi SPWD road via Rankey busty, Panth Gaon, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
40.	Construction of road from Rabong Singtam SPWD road to Rabong Namchi SPWD road via Rankey busty, Panth Gaon, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 3 rd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
41.	Construction of road from Rabong Singtam SPWD road to Rabong Namchi SPWD road via Rankey busty, Panth Gaon, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 4 th)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months

42.	Construction of road from Ben School to Lakhim, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
43.	Construction of road from Ben School to Lakhim, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
44.	Construction of road from Deorali Gaon via Kharka Gaon, Poudyal Gaon, Adhikari Gaon, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 1 st)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
45.	Construction of road from Deorali Gaon via Kharka Gaon, Poudyal Gaon, Adhikari Gaon, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 2 nd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months
46.	Construction of road from Deorali Gaon via Kharka Gaon, Poudyal Gaon, Adhikari Gaon, under Rabong Sub-Division in South Sikkim. (Km 3 rd)	42,38,496.00	1,05,962.00	1,500.00	12 months

TIME SCHEDULE:-

1.	Date of submission of application with bank Receipt For issue of Tender Documents (excluding Tender Form)	:	9 th to 10 th October 2018. (From 10.00am to 4.00 pm)
2.	Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of TDR (as Earnest Money)	:	11 th to 12 th October 2018-09-18 (From 10.00 am to 4.00 pm)
3.	Last Date and Time of submission of Tender		
	a) Sl.No. 1 to 4 (Venue: GPK Barfung Zaroong)	:-	23 rd October 2018 (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	b) Sl.No. 5 to 10 (Venue : GPK Kewzing Bakhim)	:-	24 th October 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	c) Sl.No. 11 to 12 (Venue : GPK Lamaten Tingmoo)	:-	25 th October 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	d) Sl.No. 13 to 16 (Venue : GPK Rayong Tinkitam)	:-	26 th October 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	e) Sl.No. 17 to 23 (Venue : GPK Ralong Namlung)	:-	27 th October 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	f) Sl.No. 24 to 27 (Venue : GPK Borong Phamtam)	:-	29 th October 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	g) Sl.No. 28 to 34 (Venue : GPK Borong Phamtam)		30 th October 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	h) Sl.No.35 (Venue : GPK Temi)		2 nd November 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	i) Sl.No.36 to 41 (Venue : GPK Rabong Sangmoo)		3 rd November 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
	j) Sl.No. 42 to 46 (Venue : GPK Ben Namprik)		5 th November 2018. (From 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
4.	Date and Time of Opening of Bid		
	a) Sl.No. 1 to 4 (Venue: GPK Barfung Zaroong)	:-	23 rd October 2018 (1 pm onwards)
	b) Sl.No. 5 to 10 (Venue : GPK Kewzing Bakhim)	:-	24 th October 2018. (1 pm onwards)
	c) Sl.No. 11 to 12 (Venue : GPK Lamaten Tingmoo)	:-	25 th October 2018. (1 pm onwards)
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CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT:-

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
- The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initially for each work listed above with all required documents.
- The applicants should enclose attested copies of the a) Goods & Services Tax Clearance Certificate b) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate along the application. It is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender Document for verification.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (As above from the office of te Assistant Engineer, Raods & Bridges Department, Rabong Sub-Division on production of requisite Bank Receipt of the State Bank of Sikkim towards the cost of Tender Documents (Non-Refundable) under the Head of their respective GPU's cost of Tender Form (Roads & Bridges).
- Earnest money deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts(TDR) in favor of the Senior Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges Department, Namchi Circle Office. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the deposit receipts of 2.5% earnest money.
- The Tender documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenderers and the name of the work superscripted on it, Supporting documents listed at Sl. No.(a) & (b) above should be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box at respective GPK's(Panchayat Bhawan), on the date and within the time indicated above.
- Tenders shall be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the tenderness on the date and time indicated above.
- The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the general Direction and Conditions of the Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of GST and all other Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
- In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the PCE –cum- Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
- The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
- The Department reserves the rights to hold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
- Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (if any), including accidents to labourer at site.
- The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the issue of work order.
- All the conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5.00% of the value of work done.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- The recoveries of Royalties on Forest produces shall be as per rates notified by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date of payment. In no case, claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in Analysis of Rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
- Subletting of contract work is against the norms and if it comes to the notice, the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
- The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease, alter or modify the item of works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
- In case the man powers employed by the contractors are from outside the State or neighbouring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the labour department, Government of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
- Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:-
 - Transportation, Handling, storage and use of Explosives (if necessary) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
 - The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works Department or any other competent authority shall strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage; handling and use of explosives shall be maintained by the contractor.
- The contractor shall also make arrangements to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period. i.e. beginning, middle and completion stage.
- Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
- It is accepted to the tenderer to have inspected the site before submitting his/her bid. There may be possible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
- The cost of stock materials supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractors' bills as per rules.
- The bidders shall produce a Certificate of Residence from the concerned Gram Panchayat Unit where the work is to be executed.

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US announces sharp cut in refugee intake for 2019

WASHINGTON, SEP 18 (PTI): The Trump Administration Monday decided to take only 30,000 refugees next year in the country, slashing the intake from 45,000 in 2018.

The United States anticipates up to 310,000 refugees and asylum seekers in Fiscal 2019. We propose resettling up to 30,000 refugees under the new ceiling," the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told reporters at the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the State department.

The US also anticipate processing applications of "more than 280,000 asylum seekers, he said.

They will join over 800,000 asylum seekers who are already inside the US and are awaiting adjudication of their claims, he said, asserting that these figures testify to America's "longstanding record of the most generous nation in the world when it comes to protection-based immigration and assistance."

Wary that the decision to cap refugees intake may face criticism, Pompeo said the



ceiling on the refugees number should not be viewed in isolation from other expansive humanitarian programs.

Some will characterise the refugee ceiling as the sole barometer of America's commitment to vulnerable people around the world. This would be wrong, he said.

Other countries, when noting their humanitarian protection efforts, highlight their assistance to both refugees and asylees. The United States should do the same, he said.

This year's refugee ceiling reflects the substantial increase in the number of individuals seeking asylum in US, leading to a massive backlog of outstanding asylum cases and greater public expense.

The daunting operational reality of addressing over 800,000 individuals in pending asylum cases demands renewed focus and prioritization. The magnitude of this challenge is unequaled in any other country, he explained.

Pompeo said this year's refugee ceiling also reflects US's commitment to protect the most vulnerable around the world while prioritizing the safety and well-being of the American people, as President Donald Trump has directed.

We must continue to responsibly vet applicants to prevent the entry of those who might do harm to our country, he said.

Democrats and human

rights bodies were quick in opposing the decision.

Outrageous, said Senator Jeane Shaheen.

The decision to reduce an already all-time low refugee admissions is the opposite of what we stand for as a nation. It harms vulnerable families who face near-certain dangers and weakens our hand on the world stage, she said.

No wonder this decision was taken without the consultation with Congress that is required. Don't tell me this is for national security refugees are among the most securely vetted travellers to the US. Congress is supposed to be consulted, Shaheen said.

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, co-chair of the Cong Refugee Caucus, said she was appalled by Trump Administration's decision to once again slash refugee intake.

With crises in every region of the world, the US should be doing more, not less, to be a global leader in refugee protection, she said.

The Trump administration is proposing to slash

refugee admissions before the legally-mandated consultation with Congress. At every turn, we must resist this administration's efforts to isolate America and abandon the persecuted, Senator Ed Markey said.

Slashing the number of refugees we take in during the worst refugee crisis in modern history won't make us safer, and shutting the door on the thousands of displaced people - many of them women and children fleeing war, famine, and violence - is cruel and simply un-American, Congresswoman Lois Frankel said.

Against a record-high global refugee crisis, the Trump administration's record low refugee admissions cap is dangerous and un-American, said Congressman Gerry Connolly. He has introduced a bill in the Congress which will require Trump to admit at least 110,000 refugees annually so as to restore America's leadership role in refugee resettlement, the lawmaker said.

IMF estimates 'real' depreciation of Indian rupees as six to seven percent

WASHINGTON, SEP 18 (PTI): Compared to December 2017, the real effective depreciation of Indian rupees is between six and seven percent, says an IMF estimate.

Broadly since the beginning of the year, Indian rupee has lost about 11 percent of its value in nominal terms vis a vis the US dollar," said IMF spokesperson Gerry Rice, responding to a question on the fall of the Indian currency in the last few months.

He, however, said the currencies of many of India's trading partners, including those in the emerging markets, too have depreciated against the dollar.

As a result, so far this year the real effective depreciation of the Indian rupees compared to December 2017 is, by our estimates, between six and seven percent, Rice said.

Russia blames Israel for shooting down of plane off Syria

MOSCOW, SEP 18 (AP): A Russian reconnaissance aircraft was brought down by a Syrian missile over the Mediterranean, killing all 15 people on board, the Russian defense ministry said Tuesday.

It blamed Israel for the crash, saying the plane was caught in the crossfire as four Israeli fighters attacked targets in north-western Syria.

The Russian military said that the Il-20 reconnaissance aircraft was hit 35 kilometers off the coast late Monday as it was returning to its home base nearby.

"The Israeli pilots were using the Russian aircraft as a shield and pushed it into the line of fire of the Syrian defense," Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said in a statement.

Russian state television quoted a Defense Ministry statement as saying that Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu told his Israeli counterpart, Avigdor Lieberman, that Israel is "fully to blame" for the deaths.

The military said Israel did not warn it of its operation over Latakia province until one minute before the strike, which did not give the Russian plane



enough time to escape.

A recovery operation in the Mediterranean Sea is underway, Konashenkov said.

Russian news agencies later in the day quoted the ministry as saying that a rescue team has located the wreckage in the sea and has retrieved some bodies and some fragments of the wreckage.

Both the Israeli military and Israel's Foreign Ministry declined comment on the Russian claim.

For several years, Israel and Russia have maintained a special hotline to prevent their air forces from clashing in the skies

over Syria. Israeli military officials have previously praised its effectiveness.

Russia has been a key backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad and it has two military bases in the country, including one close to the Mediterranean coast.

Russia's dramatic entry into the Syrian civil war in 2015 in support of the Syrian government, after a year of airstrikes by the U.S. and its coalition partners against the Islamic State group, increased the specter of dangerous confrontations in the skies over Syria.

Turkey's troops are also on

the ground in northern Syria and are patrolling the skies over the region as Ankara seeks to ramp up its influence there and curb the expansion of Syrian Kurdish-controlled territory.

Israel has refrained from taking sides in the Syrian civil war. But it has acknowledged carrying out scores of airstrikes against archenemy Iran and its Shiite proxy Hezbollah.

Israel has also acknowledged attacking Iranian targets some 200 times. Israel has warned that it will not allow Iran to establish a permanent military presence in postwar Syria.

Throughout the fighting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has maintained continuous contact with Russia. Netanyahu frequently travels to Russia for talks with President Vladimir Putin to discuss the Syria issue.

Sima Shine, a former senior Mossad official and ex-deputy director-general at the Strategic Affairs Ministry, told Israel's Army Radio station that the shooting down is problematic both militarily and internally from a Russian perspective.

"I think it will impose very serious restriction on Israel's freedom of activity," she said.



Myanmar army should be removed from politics: UN probe

YANGON, SEP 18 (AFP): Myanmar's powerful army should be removed from politics, UN investigators said Tuesday, as they released the final part of a damning report reiterating calls for top generals to be prosecuted for "genocide" against the Rohingya Muslim minority.

A brutal military crackdown last year forced more than 700,000 Rohingya to flee over the border to Bangladesh.

The UN's 444-page probe called for the military's top leadership to be replaced and for the institution - locally known as the Tatmadaw -- to have no further influence over the country's governance.

Myanmar's military dominates the Buddhist-majority country, holding a quarter of seats in parliament and controlling three ministries.

But the report said that the country's civilian leadership "should further pursue the removal of the Tatmadaw from Myanmar's political life", referring to the nation's armed forces.

The UN's meticulously detailed analysis, based on 18 months' work and more than 850 in-depth interviews, calls on the international

community to investigate military top brass for genocide, including commander-in-chief Min Aung Hlaing.

Myanmar's army has denied nearly all wrongdoing, insisting the military campaign was justified to root out Rohingya insurgents.

But the UN team said the military's tactics had been "consistently and grossly disproportionate to actual security threats".

Investigators said the Tatmadaw should be restructured and that the process should begin by replacing the current leadership.

Myanmar only emerged from military junta rule after 2011 and civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi's democratically-elected government remains in a delicate power balance with the generals.

Their presence in parliament means they have an effective veto on constitutional changes, making any transition to full civilian control extremely difficult.

The three key ministries -- home affairs, border and defence -- are also in their hands, giving them carte blanche to conduct security operations with little oversight.

Moon landing: S. Korean leader arrives in Pyongyang for summit

SEOUL, SEP 18 (AFP): South Korea's president and the North's leader Kim Jong Un drove through the streets of Pyongyang together past thousands of cheering citizens Tuesday ahead of a summit where Moon Jae-in will seek to reboot stalled denuclearisation talks between North Korea and the United States.

Kim welcomed his visitor at Pyongyang's international airport -- where he had supervised missile launches last year as tensions mounted -- the two leaders of the divided Korean Peninsula embracing after Moon walked down the steps of his aircraft.

The North's unique brand of choreographed mass adulation was on full display as hundreds of people on the tarmac waved North Korean flags and unification ones depicting an undivided peninsula.

The South's own emblem was only visible on Moon's Boeing 747 aircraft.

Thousands more people,

holding bouquets and chanting in unison "Reunification of the country!", lined the streets of the city as Kim and Moon rode through in an open-topped vehicle, passing the Kumsusan Palace where Kim's predecessors -- his father and grandfather -- lie in state.

The nuclear-armed North invaded its neighbour in 1950, starting the Korean War, and regularly stresses the importance of reunifying with the now far wealthier South.

Moon -- whose own parents fled the North during the three-year conflict -- is on a three-day trip, following in the footsteps of his predecessors Kim Dae-jung in 2000 and mentor Roh Moo-hyun in 2007.

The North's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said the summit "will offer an important opportunity in further accelerating the development of inter-Korean relations that is making a new history."

The first visit by a South Korean leader to Pyongyang in a decade is also the men's third meeting this year after two previous summits in April and May in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula.



Moon has been instrumental in brokering the diplomatic thaw that saw a historic summit between Kim and US President Donald Trump in Singapore in June, where Kim backed denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

But no details were agreed and Washington and Pyongyang have sparred since over what that means and how it will

be achieved.

The US is pressing for the North's "final, fully verified denuclearisation", while Pyongyang wants a formal declaration that the 1950-53 Korean War is over and has condemned "gangster-like" demands for it to give up its weapons unilaterally.

A commentary in the Rodong Sinmun, the mouthpiece of the North's ruling party, repeated the description Tuesday, saying Washington was "totally to blame" for the deadlock and adding: "The US is stubbornly insisting on the

theory of 'dismantlement of nukes first'."

With Seoul and Washington moving at increasingly different speeds in their approaches to Pyongyang, Kim will look to secure more Southern-funded projects in the North.

For his part the dovish South Korean president is looking to tie the two tracks closer together to reduce the threat of a devastating conflict on the peninsula.

Moon will hold at least two rounds of talks with Kim and try to convince him to carry out substantive steps towards disarmament that he can present to Trump when he meets him later this month on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

"If this visit somehow leads to the resumption of the US-North Korea talks, it would be significant enough in itself," Moon was quoted as saying before departure.

But analysts played down expectations. The meeting "will

probably generate rosy headlines but do little to accelerate efforts to denuclearise North Korea," Eurasia Group said in a note.

Kim would push for enhanced North-South cooperation "especially in areas that promise economic benefits for the North," it added.

"Progressives inside and outside Moon's government will have strong incentives to inflate the summit's accomplishments, initially obscuring what will likely be a lack of major deliverables." Moon was accompanied by business tycoons including Samsung heir Lee Jae-yong and the vice chairman of Hyundai Motor, and is scheduled to visit key sites in Pyongyang with his delegation.

Moon -- whose poll ratings have been falling in the face of a struggling economy in the South -- has been pushing inter-Korean cooperation but South Korean media have urged caution, calling for such schemes to await substantial progress towards denuclearisation.

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Invasion for The Television Academy

YELLOW THERE! Gwendoline Christie, 39, showcased her statuesque frame in a striking yellow silk gown for the 70th Annual Emmy Awards at the Microsoft Theatre on Los Angeles.

EMMY AWARDS 2018: GAME OF THRONES, MRS MAISEL WIN BIG ON NIGHT OF UPSETS

Game of Thrones and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel won the top prizes at the Emmy awards on Monday on a night of upsets for the highest honors in television and a triumph for streaming services.

Dystopian female show The Handmaid's Tale and FX's surreal hip-hop comedy Atlanta were the biggest losers, taking none of the most prestigious awards and making a disappointing night for stars Elisabeth Moss and Donald Glover.

HBO's fantasy Game of Thrones won a total of nine Emmys, including technical awards for special effects and stunts, and was named best drama series for a third time, beating last year's champion The Handmaid's Tale.

Netflix, which had a leading 112 nominations going into the Emmys, ended up tying HBO for the most wins, with 23 apiece.

Amazon's The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, about a 1950s housewife who turns to standup comedy, took home the Emmy for best comedy series. Mrs. Maisel also won a total of seven other awards, including best actress for Rachel Brosnahan.

Claire Foy beat Moss to win for her quiet but formidable portrayal of Queen Elizabeth in Netflix drama The Crown. "This wasn't supposed to happen," said a surprised Foy.

Matthew Rhys took his first best drama actor Emmy



for playing a conflicted Russian spy in the final season of the FX Cold War series The Americans. Saturday Night Live won, as expected, for variety sketch series, taking its lifetime Emmy total to a record-setting 72 wins since 1975.

Emmy hosts Michael Che and Colin Hanks from Saturday Night Live sprinkled the evening with skits and jokes about diversity on television, sexual misconduct in the entertainment industry, and the power of streaming services like Amazon and Netflix.

"It is an honor to be here sharing this night with the many, many talented and creative people in Hollywood who haven't been caught yet," Che said, alluding to the dozens of men who have been fired or forced to resign in

the past year because of sexual harassment allegations.

"We solved it!" sang a line-up of celebrities, giving themselves a tongue-in-cheek pat on the back for the strides television has made for women, people of color, and gay men and women behind and in front of the camera.

But despite one of the most ethnically diverse array of nominees, only Regina King (Seven Seconds) Thandie Newton (Westworld) and RuPaul (RuPaul's Drag Race) made it to the winners podium.

"I don't even believe in God, but I am going to thank her tonight," Newton said.

Other big winners included The Assassination of Gianni Versace, for best limited series and actor Darren Criss, who played the gay se-

rial killer who murdered the Italian designer in Miami in 1997. Creator Ryan Murphy dedicated the Emmy to the LGBT community.

One of the biggest shocks came when presumed front-runner Glover lost the comedy acting category to Bill Hader's hitman-turned-struggling actor in HBO's show-business satire Barry.

Barry also brought honors for veteran Henry Winkler, winning a standing ovation and his first-ever Emmy for his supporting role as a self-important acting teacher.

Yet the warmest applause came when Glenn Weiss used his acceptance speech for directing the televised 2018 Academy Awards show to propose to his girlfriend in the audience, Jan Svendsen. She said yes.

Alec Baldwin insists niece Hailey & Justin DID have quickie wedding

Alec Baldwin says his niece Hailey Baldwin has tied the knot with pop superstar Justin Bieber.

The 60-year-old star, speaking with Access during entrances at the 70th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles Monday, said that the model and singer have exchanged vows.

"They just went off and got married and I don't know what the deal is," Alec said about three days after Hailey, 21, and Justin, 24, were spotted at the Marriage Bureau at a courthouse in New York City last Thursday.

Alec's comments come after Hailey took to Instagram on Friday to deny she and Justin had married.

The model wrote: "I understand where the speculation is coming from, but I'm not married yet!"

An insider told People last week of Hailey and Justin's marriage: "They went ahead and did it without listening to anyone," noting that future festivities are planned to celebrate the union. They're going to have a big blowout, in front of God and everyone they love."

It is now rumoured that the couple, who started dating in June, will have a big ceremony in Canada next week.

Despite Hailey's denial that they are already wed, People claims via sources connected to the couple, that it's simply the case that the Tommy Hilfiger model doesn't consider herself officially married yet.

A source said Hailey 'feels a civil ceremony and their 'real' wedding are two separate things.'

TMZ claims they will throw their wedding bash at the \$5m mansion in Ontario, Canada he purchased this summer. It has four-bedrooms featuring a private equestrian facility with stables and a 5/8 mile race track.

A source added to the site that last month they had pushed their wedding to 2019 but they later had a 'change of heart' and want to marry in mid September.



TMZ also said Justin was 'emotional' when he got his marriage license.

The Sorry singer was overheard saying in the court house through tears, 'I can't wait to marry you, baby.'

It was added by a source: "Justin said to a court official, 'Thanks for keeping it on the DL.'"

According to New York State requirements a marriage license 'is valid for 60 calendar days, beginning the day after it is issued.'

Meanwhile, the What Do You Mean artist has reportedly applied for dual citizenship in the U.S and Canada ahead of his wedding.

Academy Award nominee Alec, who was flanked by his stunning wife Hilary at the award show, said that they 'text Hailey every now and then,' and 'met [Bieber] one time.'

Baldwin, who appeared onstage at the show during a Betty White tribute, had words of relationship advice for Bieber in his purported new marriage with Hailey.

"Keep working ... don't stop working," he said. "But when you get married, you know I mean I think it works best if you can really be together."

He explained how he and wife work to make sure they're spending plenty of time with one another.

Alec, who won an Emmy last fall for his Saturday Night Live impression of President Donald Trump, said he wasn't going to assume a protective role over Hailey toward Bieber, in their new nuptials.

"That's not my job: She has a dad and I'm sure he has a few paragraphs about that himself, so I'm not worried," he said.

Justin and Hailey - who got engaged on July 7 - previously dated off/on in 2015 and 2016, but they've been inseparable ever since June.

Eyebrows raised at the Hillsong Church duo (who first met in 2009) considering Justin only split from his on/off girlfriend since 2010, pop diva Selena Gomez, six months ago.

Now that the two are reportedly married, they will likely settle down.



Priyanka Chopra battles asthma; says the disease cannot stop her from achieving goals

Indian actress Priyanka Chopra says she's asthmatic and there is nothing to hide about it. Priyanka on Monday tweeted an ad campaign where she is seen talking about how asthma did not stop her from achieving the highs in her career.

"Those who know me well know that I'm an asthmatic. I mean, what's to hide? I knew that I had to control my asthma before it controlled me. As long as I've got my inhaler, asthma can't stop me from achieving my goals and living a 'Berok Zindagi,'" she tweeted.

On the Bollywood front,

Priyanka is shooting for "The Sky Is Pink" with actor Farhan Akhtar and Zaira Wasim. The film, directed by Shonali Bose, is based on a true life story and will be shot in Mumbai, Delhi, London and the Andamans. Juhi Chaturvedi is writing the dialogues and Pritam Chakraborty will be composing the music for the film, which is backed by Ronnie Screwvala and Siddharth Roy Kapur.

"The Sky Is Pink" reportedly revolves around Aisha Chaudhary, who became a motivational speaker after being diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis at the age of 13.

ARIES: Idealistic romantic notions join with intense sensual passion to create powerful desire that stays with you throughout the day, Aries. If you can schedule some quality time with your love partner, by all means do it. If not, you might have to settle for making a date for later in the week. In the meantime, pamper yourself a bit until then and hang in there!

TAURUS: Your home could be a busy place today as friends from far away come by for a long-overdue visit, Taurus. You'll probably spend as much time as you can getting the place in order, but don't go overboard. Your friends are coming to see you, not your house. Dress the place up with some flowering plants and a few accessories, then sit back and enjoy the visit.

GEMINI: Some fascinating news

could come from a friend who's presently out of town, Gemini. This might be personal, but it more likely involves new discoveries in a field that interests you both. You'll probably want to do some research of your own, so be prepared to spend time in the library or online over the next few weeks. Keep careful records. You won't want to forget a thing!

CANCER: Friends who are interested in psychic and metaphysical matters could visit you today, Cancer. You may discuss a lot of fascinating material, which could alter your value system in a subtle but profound way. Don't be surprised if you do more listening than talking on this occasion. It's important to soak in as much as you can. Write it down if you think you'll forget it.

LEO: A rush of physical energy may

hit you this morning, Leo, and you could feel like you have no outlet for it. But a sibling or neighbor may need some help, so you'll definitely be able to put that energy to work. It should be a good day for everyone. Your friend will receive some valuable help with an important matter, and you'll be able to make use of all that vigor.

VIRGO: Invaluable help with money or property concerns could come to you from an unexpected quarter today, Virgo. Someone you didn't know possessed the appropriate information could offer it out of the blue, making a big difference to the way you handle these matters. The situation may not be all that dire to begin with, but all should be well by day's end.

LIBRA: Are you looking for a par-

ticular piece of information, Libra?

A friend, possibly another Libra, has this information but is unaware that you're searching for it. Don't be afraid to let all your friends and acquaintances know that you need to find some specific facts. The person who finally comes forward may surprise you. Enjoy your day!

SCORPIO: The opportunity to fly somewhere might come up today, Scorpio. Career changes are in the wind, and while they might seem rather unsettling at first, they'll be positive in the long run. This could involve a raise or promotion, transfer, new job, or even new career. Don't fight it. It might be scary, but it's a blessing in disguise. Go with the flow.

SAGITTARIUS: Have you been having difficulties with career or

money matters, Sagittarius? If so, help might come today from a friend who lives far away. This person may not do much but offer words that are so insightful that you know immediately what course of action to take. What this person says could also be of valuable assistance in the future. Write it down so you'll be sure to remember it.

CAPRICORN: Today, a flash of inspiration may resolve an obstacle to your career advancement that presented itself in the past few days, Capricorn. This solution could prove so beneficial that you'll want to remember it for obstacles in any area of your life for the future. You may feel so good about resolving this that you'll want to go out and celebrate. Go for it!

AQUARIUS: Are you presently ne-

gotiating a contract, Aquarius? If you and the other party disagree on any points, these differences will most likely be resolved. You'll probably come up with an idea that creates a win/win situation so both of you feel good about it. This will strengthen your relationship considerably, so expect partnership matters to progress smoothly. Enjoy your day.

PISCES: Professional difficulties could be resolved by outside assistance, Pisces. Equipment may have gone haywire, or miscommunications could have led to snarls. Perhaps you need to call in a consultant. It's possible that you might come up with the right solution at the right time and earn some well-deserved respect. Whatever the difficulty, it won't last.